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1. As of 1 June 1954, the Chinese Communist Government in Amoy had organized some of the local import and export merchants into two groups of export agents. One group may export dried plums, dried lungans,<sup>1</sup> onions, garlic, rice noodles, and ginger. The other group may export dried mussels, paper, mushrooms, and incense. Only the merchants in these two groups are allowed to export these commodities. The groups maintain a joint office on the third floor at 49 Sheng P'ing (2573/1627) Street, Amoy.
2. The Amoy customs officials still control:
  - a. The kind and quantity of each item being exported.
  - b. The export price of the commodity.
  - c. The importation of materials and goods for government needs after the local commodities have been sold.
3. The Amoy customs authorities have launched a "Three Way Utilization" movement consisting of the following three points:
  - a. The Government is to utilize merchants to build up the economy.
  - b. Mainland merchants are to help the Government obtain foreign exchange and scarce commodities.
  - c. Overseas merchants are to act as agents of mainland merchants and use their capital and connections to obtain both foreign exchange and scarce commodities at low prices.

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